

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO  
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER SKIING; AMENDING SECTION 67-7024, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN A REGULATION LEGAL AND PERMITTED SLALOM COURSE AND THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH A REAR VIEW WIDE ANGLE MIRROR ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING AN OBSERVER IN THE VESSEL AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR MIRRORS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 67-7024, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-7024. WATER SKIING. (1) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vessel having in tow or otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar contrivance to operate or propel the same upon or above any waters of the state of Idaho unless that vessel shall be occupied by at least one (1) other competent person who shall act as an observer; provided, that vessels operating within a regulation legal and permitted slalom course and that are equipped with a rear view wide angle mirror are exempt from this requirement. The size of the mirror must be no less than four (4) inches in size from bottom to top and across from side to side. It shall be mounted firmly to give the operator a full, complete view beyond the rear of the vessel at all times. This section shall not apply to vessels used by representatives of duly constituted water ski schools in the giving of instruction, or to vessels used in duly authorized water ski tournaments, competitions, expositions or trials.

(2) No vessel shall have in tow or shall otherwise be assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar contrivance from the period of one (1) hour after sunset to one (1) hour prior to sunrise. This subsection shall not apply to vessels used in duly authorized water ski tournaments, competitions, expositions or trials.

(3) All vessels having in tow or otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar contrivance shall be operated in a careful and prudent manner and at a reasonable distance from persons and property so as not to endanger the life or property of any person or create excessive wake.

(4) No person shall operate or manipulate any vessel's attached towrope or other device by which the direction or location of water skis, aquaplane or similar device may be affected or controlled in such a way as to cause the same or any person thereon to collide with or strike against any person or object other than a jumping ramp or in conjunction with skiing over a slalom course.